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**Living  
(in)  
History**

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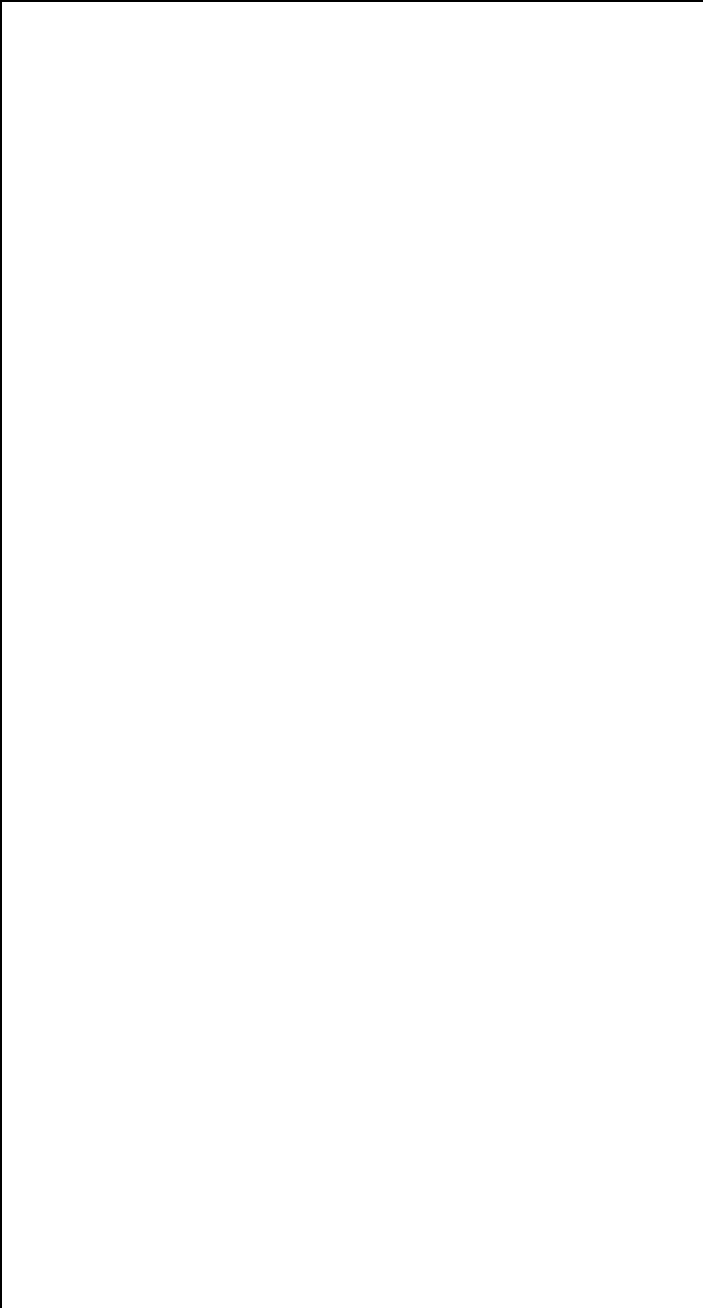
## ***Book to Go!***

***“Book to Go!”*** as a new book series deals with some relevant issues from the perspective of the Shia Islam. Everything presented here is ***“Shiite Discourses”*** and was published in my previous works, but some readers was interested to have them in a new compact form so that they can take them with on travel, on the subway and ...!

These multi-volume study booklets are a kind of ***“Book to Go!”*** and try to remind us in a different way of actions and lead us to harmony between faith and praxis and in life with others: *“Behave toward people the way, you want them to behave toward you.”* And this is my way, so follow it and do not follow the other paths.

This book series is published in the hope of contributing to a better understanding of *“Shiite Discourses”* in the 21st century. ***“Book to Go!”*** aims to motivate people to think. It thus doesn't mean, “cash and carry” or “cash and go”, but rather ***“cash and read”!*** This is because reading leads to the revival of the soul and refresh the mind!

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# Historical Flourishing

*Living (in) History* wants to say even today, after centuries of interventions and transformations, the writings of the former prophets still contain living messages and seeds of wisdom.

In this sense, we always understand history as a space of action and Flourishing: A divine salvific Action, which is expanding in the historical space structured by God's salvific plans.

Originally, the human family was united, even in faith in the one God. The prophets now had the task of restoring, through one and the same message, the original unity as it existed historically, since all creatures of the same Creator are children of the same parents and are closely related.<sup>1</sup>

Although the medium through which the divine words were transmitted depended on the language spoken in the area and differed

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<sup>1</sup> See also: *Holy Quran* 2:213 and 14:4.

everywhere, the main message was remarkably the same everywhere, namely the **covenant**. It tells of the experiences of the prophets and their peoples with God and especially the experiences concerning the presence of God.

In the light of this message, the prophets preached love, brotherhood, abstinence from all evil and, above all, how to control and harness one's willpower and use one's intellect for the **flourishing of mankind**, so that it was possible to cope with the covenant or remain faithful to it. In this interplay, history represents the special level of mediation at which man learns to discover his covenantal relationship with God and flourish in history, also:

### ***Living in history!***

History is the example by which Allah wants to guide man to act responsibly and in the sense of his reason. This includes being mindful of the creatures of the world, animals and plants, working for their protection and at the same time living with them. The one who uses his reason to do so is therefore the man who lives on earth as a worthy caliph of God.

Shiite historical thinking relies on issues that have a salvific role, it expresses



incidents that have occurred in history, because of their educational effect. There is no ups and downs in our historical thinking unless one or more lessons or examples. In this sense we consider it as:

### ***Living history!***

***Living (in) history*** is a learning path or an understanding journey, through the Shiite outlook that God himself inviolably attributed to us through the prophets and especially in the Holy Quran. He himself told us:

*“I am with you wherever you are!”*

This is a ***living (in) history***, an ever-renewing hope and love that never tires. This is the fruit of knowing the:

### ***“Shiite Historical Discourse”!***

We ask God to grant us success, that through the realization of the prophetic message, we may achieve plausible faith, good behavior and moral virtues, and to strengthen the human values within us, so that through peaceful coexistence we advance on the path of perfection and pave the ways for realization of the ***“just defense”***, under the supervision of the

### ***Longed-for Imam Mahdi!***

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### **Living (in) History**

History is a space of action and Flourishing: A divine salvific Action, which is expanding in the historical space structured by God's salvific plans. History is a kind of revelation by which God wants to guide man to act responsibly and in the sense of his reason. In the light of this message, the prophets preached love, brotherhood, abstinence from all evil and, above all, how to control and harness one's willpower and use one's intellect for the **flourishing of mankind**. History as revelation is a learning path or an understanding journey to God!

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